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TO AMBASSADOR BRUCE

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HAVE RECEIVED ADDITIONAL ADVICE FROM KISSINGER CONCERNING CONDUCT OF THURSDAY'S MEETING. HE HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS WHICH HE ASKED I TRANSMIT TO YOU:

AMBASSADOR BUNKER AND KISSINGER AGREED WITH THIEU ON JULY 4 THAT THURSDAY'S PLENARY SESSION IN PARIS SHOULD BE LARGELY HOLDING ACTION. HOPEFULLY YOU AND LAM WILL CONCENTRATE ON ASKING QUESTIONS DESIGNED TO POINT UP INADEQUACIES AND INCONSISTENCIES OF PRG SEVEN-POINT PROPOSAL WITHOUT ACTUALLY REJECTING IT.

KISSINGER SUGGESTS OUR SIDE PROBE AT MEETING ON SUCH PHRASES AS "AGREE ON MODALITY" AND GOVERNMENT OF "NATIONAL CONCORD", ETC. OTHER SIDE SHOULD ALSO CLARIFY WHAT WOULD AND WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED IN RELATIONS TO GVN, BRINGING OUT PROBABLE COMMUNIST POSITION THAT WE MUST STOP ALL ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID.

KISSINGER HAS PROVIDED FOREGOING AS ILLUSTRATIVE SUGGESTIONS. AFTER DISCUSSING ISSUE WITH BUNKER AND THIEU HE HAS CONCLUDED THAT FOREGOING APPROACH IS PREFERABLE TO ONE THAT MIGHT BE PORTRAYED IN HEADLINES AS A REJECTION OF THE PRG PLAN. KISSINGER THEREFORE REQUESTS THAT HIS EARLIER MESSAGE (WH10572) BE HANDLED WITHIN THIS OVERALL FRAMEWORK.

BEST REGARDS.

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Kissinger has provided foregoing as illustrative suggestions. After discussing issue with Bunker and Thieu he has concluded that foregoing approach is preferable to one that might be portrayed in headlines as a rejection of the PRG plan. Kissinger therefore requests that his earlier message (WH 10572) be handled within this overall framework.

Best regards.